



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Variable retention harvest and commercial thinning on 392 acres of approximately 4132 Mbf of State Timber, Bullfrog Timber Sale, Application No. 30-082470 and Forest Practice Application No. 2704512

Description of mitigation: Units 2 and 4 are a variable retention tree harvest, totaling 64 acres. Objectives in Unit 2 are to leave 6 legacy trees/acre (tpa) of ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, western larch or Engelmann spruce; in Unit 4 to leave 10 legacy tpa of ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, and western larch and for both to create a sustainable forest by planting seral tree species that are adaptable to an eastside forest environment. Units 1, 3 and 5 are multistory thinnings totaling 328 acres. Objectives for Units 1, 3, and 5 are to reduce stocking density to sustainable levels, address disease and insect infestation issues. Timber harvest will occur within 200 feet of Type F water in Units 1, 2, 4, and 5. Large diameter trees and trees with abnormal characteristics (forked top, broken top etc) selected for retention will provide excellent wildlife habitat function in the future timber stand. Existing snags will be retained wherever possible.

Proponent: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Parts of Section 19, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 33, Township 7 North, Range 12 East, W.M., Yakima County, approximately 4 miles north of Glenwood WA located off of the K4000 road.

Lead agency: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from November 23, 2009. Comments must be submitted by December 7, 2009

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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